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Bartel, Dewees Attend Conference at St. Louis

By Ed. P. Dewees

Ike Bartel, state president, and Ed Dewees, field and boys' work secretary, attended the meetings of the National Laymen's Advisory Commission in St. Louis on February 10, 11. "Operation Blizzard" in the mid-west forced a detour via Great Northern to Chicago eastbound, but beyond a slight coolness during the sleeping hours the trip was without incident.

Some 30 state and national men's workers attended the Commission meetings at which various phases of men's work were presented and discussed. Limited time prevented full reports on the work in various states, but during recesses and at meal time the work of the Oregon Ninety and Nine Men was given considerable publicity.

Perhaps the highest note sounded in all the presentations was that of the need for a personal witness for Christ to men and women outside of the church. The growing concern of consecrated Christian men and women over the nation indicates the opportunity for a real advance in the attainment of Crusade objectives in evangelism, Christian living and stewardship.

The return trip was made in a new car which Brother Bartel located in St. Louis for delivery in Oregon. Sunday morning, February 13, was spent in the morning service of the South Haven, Kansas, Christian Church where Newell and Anna Rose Morgan serve. After dinner with them Bartel took the car north to Hutchinson for a visit with relatives; Dewees took the bus south to Medford, Oklahoma, to visit the evening service with Dallas and Leeanna Meserve and enjoy a good Oklahoma ice, sleet, and thunderstorm.

Monday was spent in Enid, Oklahoma, with the morning set aside for a conference with the Meserves regarding camp and evangelistic plans. A visit with the Alger Fitch family was a plesant extra, especially the peep at the brand new son and heir, David Alger. The afternoon and evening was spent in renewal of Enid acquaintences after a 17 year absence.

Tuesday morning found the travellers united again and on their way to Oregon after a short visit with Brother Ray Snodgrass, minister of the Central Christian Church in Enid and guest speaker for the 1949 Turner State Convention. Doubtful weather gave a good excuse for another detour via Grand Prairie, Texas, and an overnight visit with the Fred Towne family (i.e., what was left of the night after the Townes caught up on Oregon news.) Wednesday morning included a short visit to T.C.U. and with Bob Neil and family, a look in at the Texas Missionary Society office building, and a start on the westward leg of the homeward trail via U.S. 80. Visits with relatives in San Diego and Los Angeles Thursday night and Friday morning and thence on to Oregon filled in the balance of the schedule with respective homes being reached Saturday afternoon.

N. C. C. Books

In order to meet demands of those deeply interested in New Testament Christianity, Northwest Christian College has published four books that otherwise brobably would not have been printed.

The latest book published by N.C.C. is "Notes on the Revelation" by Dr. V. E. Hoven. It has paper covers and sells for $1.00. It is a splendid guide for study groups which takes up the study of the Revelation.

Other books published by N.C.C. are: "Trustees of Our Heritage" by R. C. Snodgrass (paper cover, $1.00); "The Apostolic Church" by S. J. England (Cloth, $2.00); "Outlines of Biblical Doctrine" by V. E. Hoven (cloth, $2.50). These books may be gotten directly from Northwest Christian College, Eugene. They contribute much to the significant literature of our people who seek to realize Christian Unity in conformity with New Testament teachings.

Gladstone

Wilbur Rolla Hensley completed 11 years with the Gladstone church on February 6. There were three added by transfer in January. Congratulations, Bill.

Missionaries in Brazil Hope to Buy Property

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sanders arrived in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on March 25, 1948. Since that time they have been busy with language study, making a survey of "a small portion of the immense nation—especially the states of Minas Geraes and the frontier state of Goiaz;" and conducting Bible classes.

They are establishing their work in the city of Goiana, capital of the state of Goiaz. Goiana is a city of 70,000 and is growing very rapidly. Brother Sanders has located a house near the center of the city which can be bought. Writing to Carlton Garrison, chairman of his executive committee, he says that in view of the fact that the house is surrounded by vacant lots, and that prices are rapidly rising, he considers it a good buy at $4,600. Following is the closing paragraph of his letter:

"The house can be the first of the mission property. As money is available it may be good to purchase the vacant lots around it for church and school. This will be permanent property for Christ, as well as our home, and will mean a much better foothold. We pray and hope this money will be available immediately, if you feel this is a wise move."

Brother Garrison adds this note: "We of the executive committee feel this to be a wise purchase, and therefore we solicit your prayers and your help in the buying of this house."

The forwarding address of Brother and sister Sanders is "William A. Cook, First Christian Church, Mountain Home, Arkansas."—F. J. C.

STAYTON—Five baptized in January; two reconsecrations in December. Clyde Freeman, pastor.

Congo Mission Has Golden Jubilee

By Mrs. Edna L. Burke

Easter Sunday, April 17, 1949, marks the 50th anniversary of the work of Disciples of Christ in the Belgian Congo. It was on this day 1899, that the grant was signed by the Congo Government authorities, transferring the Bolenge station from the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society of Disciples of Christ. On November 23, 1902, our own Mission held its first baptismal service in the Congo at Bolenge; the reports from the field at the end of 1947 showed 77,275 baptized members in he Congo Mission.

Very significant changes have taken place in Africa as a continent during the last 50 years. In 1899 it was a white man's graveyard; in 1949 it is looked upon as one of the greatest resources of western civilization. In 1899 there was a question as to whether the natives would ever really become a factor in the modern world; in 1949 it is conceded that they have a tremendous contribution to make and are striving to take their place in the family of nations. Virgil A. Sly, Executive Secretary of the Department of African and Chinese Missions, accompanied by Mrs. Sly, are now en route to Africa to join in celebrating the Golden Jubilee.

Oregon has had a big share in the development of missionary work in the Congo field, not only from the standpoint of support but in the sending out of missionary personnel: Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Moon, Goldie Ruth Wells, Hattie Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. David Byerlee, Miss Gertrude Shoemaker, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Paget. Miss Eva Marie Johnson, soon to sail for Africa, was born in Idaho but has spent a good many years in Oregon attending and graduating both from Northwest Christian College and the University of Oregon so we claim her as our own. She will be living in Coquilhatville, serving in the capacity of assistant treasurer and secretary of the Congo Mission. Eva Marie has spent this last year taking an extensive language course in French at the Institute of Far Eastern Languages at Yale. For the past few months she has been doing clerical work in the office at Missions Building in Indianapolis, especially accounting with the foreign division and treasury of the United Christian Missionary Society. The First Christian Church of Eugene honored Eva Marie at a fellowship dinner on the night of March 3. She was presented with a silver offering and other tokens of love and appreciation. On March 13 Eva Marie will be ordained by her home church in Burley, Idaho. We join with many others in extending to her our very best wishes and pray God's richest blessing upon her as she leaves for her chosen field in the Belgain Congo.

Christian Unity

Do Churches of Christ want it? Theoretically. Yes! But when it comes to a practical demonstration by getting into a conference concerning it, we doubt it. Why? The Christian unity conference held at the First Christian Church, Portland, on February 17, 18, was humiliatingly small. We went to the church expecting to see the sanctuary measurably filled. Instead there were between 25 and 30 meeting in the chapel, and a small number of those were Baptists. Less than a dozen and a half of the preachers present were Christian preachers. Dr. Theodore Palmquist, pastor of the Wilshire Methodist Church in Los Angeles, was present to give inspiration. He gave some mighty messages, worth any person's time to go and hear. Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary of the international Convention, gave some good messages on the merger of protestant churches. Really! Do we believe in Christian Unity? If so, let's do something about it aside from making the eagle scream before people who already accept it as a laudable thing.

—C. F. S.

Missionary Federation

The Missionary Federation of Portland and Vicinity will meet at the Christian Church, First Avenue and Third Street, Forest Grove, on Friday, March 18, 10:30 A. M. to 2:30 P. M. The morning speakers will be our state officers, Mrs. C. C. Smith, president, and Mrs. Edna L. Burke, executive secretary. They will speak on the national conference of state presidents and secretaries held in Indiana in January which they attended.

The afternoon speaker will be a missionary. There will be a nursery for babies and small children. Lunch will be served at noon.

Oldest Bible Manuscript

Dr. John C. Trever, the brilliant young scholar who, in February 1948, brought to light and identified the oldest known copy of any book of the Bible, told of his discovery to the Northwest Christian College students at a special chapel on February 24, 1949.

The manuscript which Dr. Trever discovered and identified is a complete copy of the book of Isaiah in Hebrew. The copy dates from about 100 B. C. This is at least 1,000 years older than any other Old Testament manuscript.

Dr. Trever and Dr. Ross J. Griffeth, President of Northwest Christian College, greatly enjoyed their associations upon the occasion of Dr. Trever's visit to the college campus because both hold B.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University; both held the same fellowship, at different times, from Yale; both worked in the American schools of Oriental Research in Jerusalem; both were directed in their Ph. D. studies by the same faculty member.

Dr. Trever was in Oregon to speak to the Oregon Council of Churches in the annual meeting of the Council and to share with various groups in his thrilling message.—R. J. G.

Dallas

The church observed their brotherhood dinner with President Ross J. Griffeth as speaker and the N.C.C. male quartet furnishing music. The local orchestra under the leadership of Ray Johnson Jr., gave some numbers also. Kenneth Johnston is the pastor.

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Notes From The Diary Of The Secretary-Director

As we check the diary of the Secretary-Director for the month of February we find the following to be some of your secretary's activities from February 1 to 25. I attended the groundbreaking service in Salem for the new church; met with the State Convention Program Committee the same day. We journeyed home in time to attend the reception for Freeman Yardley at the Sellwood Church in Portland. Both Freeman and the congregation are looking forward to a happy ministry there. I met with the Northwest District Committee in planning the Spring Convention; attended the Wednesday night fellowship meeting at the First Church in Portland; journeyed with Brother Swander to Sheridan for a conference with the elders; spent a week with the church at Baker directing a visitation - evangelism campaign, preaching five times. There were five additions by confession and 15 others. I enjoyed very much the fellowship with the church there and the Jewetts are doing an excellent piece of work. Attended a meeting of the Joint Board of Christian Churches of Greater Portland; journeyed to Spokane and spent one day visiting with my aged mother; attended most of the Christian Unity conference held at First Church, Portland, and was present at the Conference party. I met with a few of the members of the Odell church; preached at the Hood River Valley church Sunday morning and brought the message at their annual meeting in the afternoon. There was one life work recruit and one personal dedication for a closer walk with Christ; brought the evening message at The Dalles and talked to two of the youth groups; attended the annual Father and Son banquet at Kern Park; State Pastor's Conference at the annual meeting of the Oregon Council of Churches; Christian ministers' meeting; brought the Week of Compassion message at Silton. Travelled 1,962 miles, visited 8 churches and had 13 special office conferences, and 400 letters were mailed through the office.—C. H. A.

Plans for Convention

The Turner Convention Planning Committee are working hard on the program for the state convention. If you have suggestions for the women's part please write them to me very soon or it will be too late. Some changes are being made in the pattern followed in the past few years. Better plan to attend. Send your reservations for rooms to C. H. Addleman, 512 Panama Building, Portland 4.—E. L. B.

Financial

January 1 to February 25

CHURCHES: Baker, $49.29; Coquille, $45.89; Creswell, $14.24; Culver, $10; Eugene First, $200; Falls City, $3.81; Gladstone, $35.33; Klamath Falls, $12.50; Medford, $115; Milton, 155.66; North Bend, $30; Kern Park (Portland), $29.16; Mallory Ave. (Portland), $126.71; Salem Court St., $85.92; Salem First, $133.32; Silverton, $25; St. Helens, $50; Sutherlin, $25; Tillamook, $21.50; The Dalles, $18.75; Yamhill, $10. Total, $1,233.32.

SCHOOLS: Carlton, $6.63; Gladstone, $15; Hillsboro, $90.01. Total, $111.64.

WOMEN'S GROUPS: Astoria, $25.

INDIVIDUALS: B. Ross Evans, $10.

DESIGNATED: Hillsboro, $6; Sisters, $5.20.

A total of 26 churches have given to sctate missions so far in 1949. That number must breatly increased.

Word from J. Russell Morse

The family of J. Russell Morse and their associates will soon be, if not already, back on the job on the Burma-Chinese-Tibetan borders, with those who have been on the job while they were in the states. Robert and Eugene are each taking a bride with them. Two other young women, Lora Banks and Imogene Williams, have sailed sometime ago we understand.

Writing from Kunming, December 24, J. Russell Morse said: "We must not be scared out by wild tales of war talk! If there are prospects for missioniaries continuing anywhere in China the chances are best in Yunan. Although there is some banditry in the southeastern part of the province, no missionaries have been mistreated there. Nor is there any marked anti-foreign or anti-missionary spirit in this section. Moreover, in all our years in China we have never before known the people as a whole to be so open-minded and friendly toward Christian missionaries as they are now. The work we can do for the Lord seems limited only by the workers and facilities."

—J. F. C.

Arthur E. Gardner

The news that Brother Gardner had died at his home in Drain on Sunday, February 13, was a distinct shock. We had known him over a period of 40 years .As an elder in the old Woodlawn Church, then in the combined congregation with Rodney Avenue, then in the Mallory Avenue Church, left an impression that the kingdom was in safe hands. He started to be a preacher when a young man, studied for the ministry, and pastored the church in Turner until the church closed by reason of the loss of their building by fire. He came to Portland and entered the mail service where he remained until age retirement when he moved back to Drain. He had received a light paralytic stroke the previous week and was mercifully released from suffering by death. Our appreciation for Brother Gardner was very deep and we express our sympathy with his surviving loved ones.—C. F. S.

C. E. State Convention

The State Christian Endeavor Union will hold its annual convention at Astoria April 28 - May 1, 1949. The theme is "I am the way." Dr. Mark Koehler is the principal speaker, and Walter Naff, Salem, will lead the singing. For further particulars write to the Oregon Union, 303 Davis Building, Portland 4.

Eugene Christian Home

The Christian Student Home adjacent to the University of Oregon is ready to open April 1 if we get the furniture by that date.

Because the Christian welfare of our students is a concern of us all, and because a great many of us have now, or will have in the near future, students at Eugene, the project of furnishing the House should be the concern of our entire state. Cash gifts may be designated for specific articles, or included in the general furnishings fund. Quantity buying cuts costs. And the local committee has taken accurate measurements, studied colors and needs. Money should be sent to the treasurer of the Committee, Mrs. Gladys Patterson, 92 West 19th Avenue, Eugene. Some of the many needs are as follows:

Living Room: Two sturdy davenports, comfortable chairs, folding chairs, hassocks, fire place equipment, draperies, lamps, end tables, a radio-phonograph, and a piano (baby grand fits room best);

Dining Room: Drop leaf extension table, chairs, dishes, silver, linen, and tea set;

Kitchen: Cabinet, utinsels, linens;

Office: Rug, draperies, desk, typewriter, files, mimeograph;

Guest Room: Bedding, rugs, etc.

Yard: Shrubs, lawn-swing, outdoor furniture and games, lawnmower;

General: Magazine subscriptions, standard books on worship, recreation, etc., records, music, hymnals, telephone table and chairs.

Detailed lists are available from the state office, Mrs. Kendall Burke, members of the committee, Mrs. Clarence H. Elliott, director of the House and the Eugene Church. Churches, classes and individuals should be happy to help right away to get this new project under way.

When in Eugene after April 1 visit the Christian Student House at 736 East 16th (between Alder and Hilyard). Lists of all contributors to the furnishings will be posted in the House. —Victor P. Morris and Hugh N. McCullum.

Puerto Rico Celebration

Our Mission Field at Puerto Rico is celebrating its Golden Jubilee in this month of March 6-13, 1949. The observation will take place in the city of Bayamon where our firct church was established. The McLain Conference grounds at Bayamon will be the site for the Jubilee convention, where it will be possible to entertain 100 delegates from the United States. In 1898, when the United States took control over the Island there was one protestant church allowed to hold services in English only, 80 per cent of the people were illiterate; and the general condition was little better than slavery. Fifty years later there are 400 protestant churches with a membership of 40,000; illiteracy has been reduced to 50 per cent; and the people have made notable progress in self government and cultural improvement. The population is 1,869,245, on an island of 3,435 square miles. The Disciples of Christ have 36 churches with a membership of 5,005.—E. L. B.

Rosa Page Welch

This beautiful singer of the negro race has been selected as one of the soloists at the International Convention of Disciples of Christ which meets in Cincinnati, October 25-30, 1949.

New Missionaries Leave For Jamaica

Mr. and Mrs. James Herget, new missionaries to Jamaica, recently wrote as follows: "You have made possible this occasion which is so important in our lives. After several days of anxious waiting and prayerful decisions our visas have been granted and boat arrangements have been made. We are now ready to leave and, the Lord willing, will be going the week of February 6. It is our hope that we can go on the ship with our trunks but it may be that we will have to fly from Miami. Either way we hope to soon be at home in Jamaica . . . .

"Truly the Lord has dealt bountifully with us! Though we have sufficient funds for our shipping and passage, yet, upon our arrival in Jamaica there will be many things needing our immediate attention. It will be necessary to put ceilings in our home and to build the necessary furniture. We are praying that our general fund will be replenished to this end."

The Hergets will be associated with Mr. and Mrs. Luke D. Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie E. Dever, in their work in Jamaica.

Brother Elliott writes: "Thirty churches of Christ were represented in the January district Leader's Meeting held under the auspices of the Jamaica Christian Mission, Jamaica, B. W. I. Total attendance at the five meetings was 325 and the various groups travelled a total of 958 miles to attend. In all the meetings there was manifested a remarkable spirit of unity and Christian love, together with a strong determination to remain true to the "faith once for all delivered" in spite of all persecution and suffering."

—J. F. C.

Chaplain Maxfield

Before becoming pastor of the Nyssa Church, Don R. Maxfield, graduate of Northwest Christian College ('45) applied for appointment as an Army Chaplain. There were many delays. Now comes the following word from Wm. J. Lineback, Secretary of the Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission, Washington, D. C., in which he writes to Don:

"A letter from the Chief of Chaplains dated 15 February 1949, informs us of your appointment to 1st Lt. in the ORC (Officers Reserve Corps) not on active duty. On behalf of the Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission may I express to you our congratulations and all good wishes." Chaplain Lineback notes as a result of Don's aplication that "we have been able to receive recognition by the Army for Northwest Christian College . . . . . I know that you are glad that Northwest Christian College has received the honor which is its due."

Thanks, Don, for clearing the way for N.C.C. graduates, who, in the future may seek appointment to the chaplaincy.—R. J. G.

Easter Offering

The Easter offering is for the support of the work of our brotherhood in Home Missions, Ministerial Relief, Church Extension, Christian Unity, and Social Welfare. A packet of materials is available from Unified Promotion for a postal card request. Coin boxes, coin envelopes, and triplex envelopes are available in any quantity. Send to Unified Promotion, Missions Building, Indianapolis, 7, Indiana.

State Missions Is An Organization

State Missions is organized to help churches do together that which they cannot do effectively alone. We work in the area of evangelism, church maintenance, Christian education, youth work, and counselling. In the life of our brotherhood there are many types of organizations, such as: N.C.C. is organized to train Christian leadership; the Men's Ninety and Nine is organized for evangelism and other interests of men; the women of our state are organized to do certain types of missionary and educational work; Turner Memorial Home is organized to render a certain type of benevolence; McKinley Mission is organized to do a certain type of work among the Indians; The United Society is organized to do certain phases of missionary and educational work; and the Christian Board and Standard Publishing Company are organized to promote the printing and sale of Christian literature. This might be carried on, naming a large list of organizations; in fact, the local congregation is organized to do a certain type of work. You may say that you do not believe in organizations; it may be that you do not, but brother, you are in a bad spot if you do not, since every phase of our church life is organized. State Missions is not a part of any other organization, but it believes in working in harmony with all other organizations as far as possible. In our state we are enjoying a very happy relationship with the College, Beaverton Home, and the Men's and women's organizations. We feel the strength of the church in unity, therefore we strive to labor in united action in every point possible. Every organization has a certain amount of so-called overhead. Consider that the most expensive overhead that we have is the local church which erects and maintains church buildings, and employs full time pastors and other full and part time workers.—C. H. A.

State Youth Committee

The State Youth Committee met for a luncheon meeting at the Y.M C.A. in Portland on Saturday, February 26. They developed further the plans for the State Youth Planning Conference to be held at the Friend's Camp Ground at Twin Rocks on May 13-15. The program begins to look enticing. Every church is asked to send two young people from each of their youth groups from intermediates upward. Adult youth leaders and pastors are invited. Keep this date in mind and provide youth for this significant meeting. Those present at the committee meeting were Earline Rogers, Medford; Donna Lee Plymale, Lebanon; Phil Calef, Portland; Rosemary Naff, Salem; Mrs. Elsie Davis, Portland; C. H. Addleman, state secretary; C. F. Swander, Portland; and Courtney Swander was a visiting guest. Ralph Lambert, Portland, and Vida Lee Willard, Eugene, could not be present on account of other duties.

M. Howard Fagan

It was a grief to learn that M. Howard Fagan, a Hollywood pastor, has recently died. Howard was a pastor in Oregon during his early ministry. He has remained true to the primitive gospel and had become one of the outstanding preachers of the brotherhood. We remember him with affection, and extend our sympathy to his family.

A Visit To Mallory Avenue

Your Executive Secretary spent February 22, 23 attending the Oregon Council of Church Women's Convention held in Westminster Presbyterian Church in Portland, and incidentally serving as chairman of the committee on resolutions. Other members of the Women's state board in attendance were Mrs. C. C. Smith, state president; Mrs. Thelma Stanley, Spiritual Life Chairman; and Mrs. Mossberger, tresurer.

Following the convention it was my pleasure to be present at the Fellowship supper at the Mallory Avenue Christian Church, Wednesday night, February 23. Close to 100 people gathered that night to contribute in some way toward the completion of their new church. Some painted furniture, some varnished floors, others installed seats in the sanctuary, and still others helped to dispose of rubbish. There was a goodly number of young people and they helped too. It was a busy place. I was honored by being entrusted with the responsibility of helping to redecorate chairs for the Nursery. Also assisted in hemming lovely velvet drapes for the chancel of the sanctuary. It was a happy experience, resulting in a closer fellowship with this splendid congregation. The women of the Council have taken a very active part in planning and working for the new building and at the same time contributing toward the regular missionary budget as well as to the Crusade. Our state president and youth superintendent are members of the Mallory Avenue Church. We rejoice with the congregation in their victories. Almost insurmountable difficulties have been overcome by hard work and sacrificial giving.—Edna L. Burke

Millennium Minute Men

A call to the Millennium Minute Men for the Liberty Church of Christ was authorized in the January state executive committee of the Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood. Normally the call would already have been issued, but because the "unusual" winter weather brought about unemployment for many members of the MMM it was deemed best to postpone a call temporarily. However, notices should be in the mail to churches and individuals by the time this item is read.

Since the MMM files are in the office of your field and boys' work secretary, John Jordan, state treasurer asks that the lists of the MMM contributions along with the local church or brotherhood check be sent in his care to 9022 N. Mohawk Ave., Portland 3. Checks should be made out to Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood, or to Ninety and Nine Men (if the longer term won't fit).

Plans are under way for the support of Elery Parrish on the Liberty field following the Parkrose plan. Churches of Salem and the surrounding area are to be asked to underwrite a loan to complete the church building as nearly as possible. Millennium Minute Men offerings will be of great help in the building project by covering many of the incidental and extra costs which will not otherwise be provided for.

—E. P. D.

Oretown

H. N, Waddell, of Oretown, has been preaching at Garibaldi since last November. There have been 8 baptisms, 2 by statement and one reconsecration since that time. He will move on the field March 1.

Building Plans

By Ross J. Griffeth

Northwest Christian College has received from its architect, preliminary plans for the projected Women's Dormitory. The sketch shows the N.C.C. campus as it will look when this much of the new building program is completed. A cut of the architect's drawing is being made and will be used in the March N.C.C. Bulletin and in the April OREGON CHRISTIAN.

Many ask, "When will work start on the new building?" Answer: "When Northwest Christian College has available in cash for building purpose a minimum of $100,000.

Crusade receipts at N.C.C. are for new buildings. If you are eager to see how the projected dormitory will look, make a substantial contribution to the N.C.C. Property Fund or to "A Crusade for a Christian World." N. C. C's. share in the Crusade is to be $300,000, less a proportionate share of Crusade costs, if the Crusade is effective.

Nyssa

A recent letter tells of the need regarding their building. The building that has served them since their beginning became inadequate. They sold it to the Lutheran Church for $2,500 ($1,500 more than they paid for it). The congregation grew to where more adequate quarters were an imperative, so they started in on a new structure. The walls of the basement have been poured; the stone walls of the superstructure were put up and the roof was ready for tar when the cold weather struck. They are meeting now in the city gymnasium at a cost of $7 per Sunday. When the building was started they had reason to expect a normal yield of their principal crop (sugar beets). The result is that a net profit on their crop is nothing. This leaves them in bad shape to even get the building in useable condition. They need $1,800 to complete the basement and are asking that their brethren over the state help them. The town has a population of 3,000 in a trade area of 8,000 people. Brethren who are inclined to give a sympathetic ear to this appeal may send their gift to Don Maxfield, pastor, Box 755, Nyssa, Oregon. (We can verify the above statement and commend them heartily to the mercies of the brethren.—C.F.S.)

Father-Son Banquet Held

The Central Oregon Ninety and Niners met at the Redmond Church on February 21 for the district father and son rally. A fine dinner and program were enjoyed by the 73 men and boys attending. Wayne Osborne, pastor of the Cluver Church, was the speaker.

On February 16 the Ninety and Nine Brotherhood of the St. Johns Church (Portland) held its annual father and son banquet and program with 121 in attendance. Ralph Holcomb, youth director of the Central Christian Church, was the guest speaker. Dr. D. S. Swart is president of the group and is leading a vigorous program for 1949.

— E. P. D.

The Dalles

On February 14, Church Night recognized 18 members of the "52 Club" who had been present at Sunday School every Snuday of 1948, also the teachers and officers. The school has an effective budget system which they will be glad to share with others by writing to the secretary, Mr. Alec Dickson. Irving Elle, Superintendent.

Blue Mountain Rally

A rally of the new Blue Mountain district was held at Milton on February 14. A good meeting resulted despite bad weathr. Glenn Mell, minister at Walla Walla, Washington, church, was the guest speaker. Errol Harris, district treasurer, forwarded $40 toward the state budget and also reported a reorganization meeting of the Pendleton local Ninety and Nine Brotherhood on February 28.

Seaside Ninety and Niners held a local meeting with pot-luck dinner on February 25. The church there has recently put in the major part of the cement floor in the basement of their building and has made further improvement in the heating plant. John Schmid, pastor, reports attendance on the upgrade after the disagreeable winter weather coupled with chicken pox, measles, etc.—E.P.D.

Emaline Woodruff Flies to Okinawa

Last month we mentioned that Emaline Woodruff was expecting her passport at any time so that she would be able to fly to Okinawa to join her husband, Harlan. On February 6 she wrote as follows: "Reservation has been made to go by plane, Pan American, Sunday 13th, 10 P. M. from Seattle. Plane stops at Portland 11:55, then across to Honolulu Monday 10 P. M. and leave 1 A. M.; Midway, 8:15 A. M.; Wake, 15:30; Guam, 22:15 and Okinawa Thursday, 6 A. M. Lose one day in flight."

Emaline is the living link missionary of the West Seattle church. A great crowd saw her off from there on the night of the 13th. In spite of the falling snow 15 people drove to the Portland Airport from Newberg, Harlan's living link church, also a considerable number from Willamina, where Harlan's brother, Lee, and his wife are now ministers, to see her off on the long hop to Honolulu. Although the plane was scheduled to leave at 11:55 P. M. there was considerable delay, due primarily to weather conditions (snow and ice on the plane). About 1:30 A. M. the writer and his Newberg delegation had to leave. The plane was waiting an opportunity to be taken into the hangar and have the ice melted off. Evidently Emaline eventually got away since we have had no word to the contrary; and by now she should be learning something about the mission work in Okinawa.

An Enviable Record

John Humbert, 21-year old grandson of Mrs. J. A. Longston, of St. Helens, recently became the 14th ordained minister in five generations on both sides of his family. He was ordained recently at Niles, Ohio, where his father, Dale Humbert, is pastor. (Dale will be remembered as the son of G. S. O. Humbert who spent many years of his ministry in Oregon.) We congratulate a family that can keep this succession in its line. It is not exactly apostolic succession, but far better than the so-called "apostolic success" we hear about. And to think that that there are whole churches that have lived for decades and never gave one of its sons to the ministry!

Woodburn

Attendance has held up fine through the cold weather. New heating plant is doing a fine job. Three added in January. D. D. Priest, pastor.

Mallory Avenue

Just as we are closing copy for the paper the final announcement of the dedication services of the Mallory Avenue Church on March 6 has been delivered. It is in a 24 page attractive pamphlet and contains a good picture of the pastor, Hubert E. Sias, a list of the church staff, the morning worship service for March 6, the afternoon dedicatory service, the evening service, and closes with a comprehensive history of the church, written by Oma Lou Meyers. One who had known this church during the span of its life can appreciate the details as outlined in it. The present church is a merger of the Woodlawn and Rodney Avenue churches. The original idea of the merger was conceived in the mind and heart of W. L. Mellinger, pastor at Woodlawn. The idea was brought to fruition by the efforts of S. Earl Childers and Joseph D. Boyd. From that time on—, but you should get the booklet and read it. You can get it for the asking, I suspect; but the good folk at Mallory Avenue would appreciate a gift from you anywhere from $1 to $100. By the time this is read the dedication will be a matter of history; and the pastor, Brother Sias, will be setting his stakes for the making of more history. Much of the culmination of the dreams of the past 20 years is due him who is pouring his life into its accomplishment. Our congratulations to both the pastor and his devoted church.

—C. F. S.

Conference Party

In spite of the worst storm of the year nearly 100 young people assembled at the First Christian Church in Portland for their regular fellowship get-together. Some came from as far as Eugene. After a splendid dinner served by ladies of First Church they indulged in a program and games after which they closed with a very splendid worship service. These conference gatherings are abundant proof that young people are warm toward religion. The next party will be at Eugene First Church on May 6. Any person of conference age is welcome.

—C. F. S.

Hebrew Christian Mission

Mr. Tan-Ditter is desirous of making it known that he has not closed his work among the Jews although he has closed the mission proper. He and Mrs. Tan-Ditter are still doing personal work and holding conferences in their home and place of business as previously done. All who would like to continue their support of this work may send their money to Meyer Tan-Ditter, Box 27, Federal Station, Portland, Oregon. They also will be available for a few evangelistic meetings.

PORTLAND I—Four people were received into membership by transfer recently. Myron C. Cole, Pastor.

St. Johns

Courtney Swander, a senior at N.C.C. gave the Week of Compassion message on February 24. He showed pictures of devastated Europe which he took while in the service.

St. Helens

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson E. Cole, pastors at St. Helens, announce the birth of a son, Paul Nelson, on February 21, 1949. This is the first grandson for Mr. Cole's parents. Congratulatiaons!

McKenzie Men Meet

A rally of the McKenzie District Ninety and Nine was held at the Fairmount Church of Christ in Eugene on February 21. A pot-luck dinner was shared by the 65 (or more) men present with Elmer Patterson, district secretary, offering thanks for the food.

The program of the evening opened with chorus singing led by Jack Hann accompained by David Jaynes. The business session was conducted by David Harkness, district president. Ways and means of increasing interest in the men's work in each church was discussed. Ed Eldridge made a brief statement regarding the financial goal of the district and gave the offertory prayer. An offering of $135 was received and was voted toward the state budget in addition to funds in the treasury. The April 18 rally is to be held at Springfield.

Jack Hann led in further singing and Paul Rickard led the devotional prayer. Dick Paden played a trumpet solo, accompanied by David Jaynes. Willie White, host pastor, introduced H. V. Johnson, guest speaker. He brought an inspiring message from the text, "What do ye more than others?" Morton Bristow gave the benediction.

—E. P. D.

Milwaukie

The church at Milwaukie is making noticeable progress on their building. They are taking it by easy steps as they can. Since beginning the interim ministry there they have begun the completion of one class room and have insulated the ceiling of the sanctuary. They have very definite plans for progress as their means will permit. They have as good a prayer meeting as any church, and their last missionary meeting was superior to most. Alger Fitch will be on the field as pastor by July 1. "Watch Milwaukie grow."— C. F. Swander, ad interim pastor

Monmouth

The Church has purchased and installed a new Wurlitzer organ. There were 3 baptisms last month before the 10 day meeting by Douglas Winn. In the meeting there were 19 baptized and 4 by transfer, with 5 confessions not baptized, and 10 reconsecrations. Donald Leavitt, pastor.

Sellwood

The Sellwood Christian Church has purchased a parsonage at 8525 S. E. 11th Avenue, near the church. Freeman Yardley, formerly at Turner, began a ministry on January 9. There has been a marked growth in interest and attendance since he has come.

—Mrs. C. H. Fowler, correspondent.

Successful Meeting

Walter Fiscus held a meeting with 45 additions at Worthington, Indiana where Truman Robbins ministers. 17 families were united in Christ. Brother Fiscus will hold a pre-Easter meeting at Longwiew, Washington, and then goes to Dallas.

Evans at Phoenix

B. Ross Evans held a fine meeting at Phoenix in January. There were 10 baptisms, otherwise added 4, 1 confession not then baptized, and one reconsecration. Everett McGee, Asland, is pastoring the church.

SEASIDE—One added by transfer in January. John F. Schmid, pastor.

BURNS—Four added by transfer in January. Lloyd M. Whitford, pastor.

Not Too Late To Get In The Crusade

By Keneth Johnston

Not long ago one of our Oregon preachers came into my office asking for information on the Crusade! He said that his church knew nothing about the Crusade, but that they were going to hear about it. We are glad that pastors are interested enough to ask (when necessary) for information. We want to be of help in every way possible. That is why you have a State Crusade Committee. If your church is not in the Crusade it is not too late. Make the effort now!

Try Again

If your church turned down the Crusade goals when first presented, it does not necessarily mean that they were not in favor of the Crusade. Perhaps there were local circumstances prevailing at the time that have since changed. Or again, perhaps they were not sufficiently informed as to the purpose and scope of the Crusade. Or it could have been that in those beginning days of the movement some churches were waiting to see if the Crusade would be a success. Now there is no question about the victory of the Crusade. Thousands of congregations have responded. Your church might like to be counted among those who are crusading for Christ. Why not try again? Give your church another chance by reconsidering, and by presenting the cause anew. Some time ago a pastor of one of our leading congregations said, "We turned down the financial goal, accepted only the program goals, but things have changed. Our church needs to hear about it again." Could this be your church? If so, let them hear about it again. Why not try again!

Still Responding

Yesterday's mail brought the good news that another congregation has accepted all of their Crusade goals. What a thrill it is to see the continuing response of churches to a larger effort for Christ. And that is what it is—no matter how much your church is doing, if it accepts and fulfills its Crusade goals it will be doing more than at any time in the past. A Crusading Christ demands a Crusading church. May our churches keep responding to His call.

Our Apologies

We don't know how it happened, but it did and we are sorry. Our records contained no information concerning the church at Lebanon accepting their Crusade goals. Therefore, the recent report mailed to all the churches showed no credit to the Lebanon church. Now we have learned that Lebanon was one of the first churches of the state to accept all their goals. We are happy to have this information. Congratulations to the crusading congregation at Lebanon. If there are any other churches who have noted a discrepancy between the report and what they voted, please let me know. We want our records to be accurate and up to date.

"Later Than You Think"

The Chinese proverb "It is later than you think" certainly applies to the Crusade. Twenty months out of our three year period are now history. It is time that we make a careful check concerning the achieving of all Crusade goals. Are we up to date? If not, then more crusading is necessary. What about the Bible School? Christian Homes? Trained Leadership? Evangelism? Finances? These, and all other phases of the Crusade should be checked carefully. No Crusade can be accomplished without a crusading spirit, and a crusading pace. Crusading demands our best. Anything less than our best is not crusading. "Except ye deny yourselves and take up your cross and follow after me ye cannot be my disciples."

Some Are

Some congregations are bringing the financial part of the Crusade down to each member by the use of crusade banks. These banks are given out to each member of the church and at regular intervals are collected. For most of our Crusade giving is above the tithe. These banks are a good way for us to make our Crusade offering. Some Christians are giving a second tithe to the Crusade. Others are systematically giving so much each meal. It is not so imoprtant how; but it is, ARE YOU?

ROSEBURG—One baptism on February 20. Kenneth Knox, pastor.

Medford First

Eight added by statement. Observed Week of Compassion with special followship dinner on Wednesday, February 23, when sound films "Seeds of Destiny" and "Not by Bread Alone" were shown, and special offering taken. Also observed Youth Week with a youth banquet as a highlight. Over 75 in attendance. All South Oregon churches were in attendance. Holly Roy Jarvis is minister.

Newport

Frank W. Zook finished his first year as pastor on February 6, There have been 12 baptisms and 12 other additions. Finances are the best in the history of the church. The basement has been completed and paid for.

Glenn Warner Available

Owing to financial reverses the support of Glenn Warner as assistant at Mallory Avenue Church has been cut off. Consequently Glenn is available for a church. The church that calls him will make no mistake. We have known him since his boyhood days. Both heredity and environment have united to give him a splendid preparation for the ministry. We recommend him unqualifiedly.—C .F. S.

Cecil Warner

For the past several years Cecil Warner has been Pastor at The Dalles. A new Church at Boise, Idaho, has recognized his talents and have given him an enticing offer. He has accepted and will move there in the near future. Cecil has been one of our most consecrated ministers He was pastor for several years of his home church at Hermiston before going to The Dalles. He has been a valued member of the State Board. Oregon is losing one of her best men. Our prayers go with you, Cecil and Sally.—C. F. S.

Purnell Returning

Frank L. Purnell, who has been holding meetings in New Zealand for the last two years, will be returning to the States on March 17. He will be available for preaching missions and stewardship rallies for a few weeks. He has taken many colored slides of life in New Zealand and will use them in his meetings. Brother Purnell is well known in Oregon Churches, and you will make no mistake in calling him. He can be contacted through the state office.